



## **POINT SAL, 1966**

### **WPB 82352**

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Builder: J.M. Martinac Shipbuilding Corp., Tacoma, WA

Commissioned: 5 December 1966

Decommissioned: 29 May 2001

Disposition: Transferred to Colombia, 29 May 2001

Length: 82'10" oa, 78' bp

Navigation Draft: 5'11" max (1960)

Beam: 17'7" max

Displacement: 69 fl; 60 light (1960)

Main Engines: 2 Cummins diesel (see class history)

BHP: 1,600

Performance, Maximum Sustained: 18.0 kts, 542-mi radius (1,600 hp, 1963)

Performance, Economic: 9.4 kts, 1,500-mi radius (1,600 hp, 1963)

Maximum Speed: 22.9 kts (1963)

Fuel Capacity: 1,840 gal

Complement: 8 men (1960), 2 officers, 8 men (1965)

Electronics:

Radar: SPN-11, CR-103 (1960), or SPS-64

Armament: 1 x 20mm (1960), 5 x .50 cal mg, 1 x 81 mm mortar (Vietnam service)

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**Class history**—The 82-foot patrol boats have mild steel hulls and aluminum superstructures. Longitudinally framed construction was used to save weight.

These boats were completed with a variety of power plants. 82301 through 82313, 82315 through 82317, and 82319 through 82331 were powered by two Cummins 600-hp diesels. Boats 82318 and 82332 through 82379 received two Cummins 800-hp diesels. The 82314 was fitted with two 1,000-hp gas turbines and controllable-pitch propellers. The purpose of this installation was to permit the service to evaluate the propulsion equipment. All units were eventually fitted with the 800-hp diesels. Units remaining in 1990 were re-equipped with Caterpillar diesels.

WPB 82301 through 82344 were commissioned without names; at that time the Coast Guard did not name patrol craft shorter than 100 feet. In January 1964 they were assigned names.

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### **Ship's history:**

The *Point Sal* was stationed at Grand Isle, LA. She was used for law enforcement and search and rescue operations. On 16 November 1967, she escorted the distressed F/V *Robert Frank* 45 miles southwest of Grand Isle to Belle Pass. On 10 December 1967, she stood by the grounded M/V *Arkansas* 60 miles east-southeast of New Orleans. On 25 December 1967, she helped fight fire on M/V *Gulf Supreme* at Ostrica, LA. On 28 December 1968, she helped fight fire on tug *Todd Rick* 20 miles west of Southwest Pass. On 11 February 1968, she towed the disabled F/V *Noah's Ark* 30 miles south-southeast of Grand Isle to that port. On 3 April 1968, she helped disperse oil slick by applying a chemical dispersant off Grand Isle. On 20 April 1968, she escorted the distressed F/V *Wilma Ann* 15 miles southeast of Grand Isle to that port. On 21 and 22 August 1968, she assisted following a fire on oil rig *Little Bob* 25 miles east of Grand Isle. On 14 July 1969, she stood by the disabled tanker *Texaco Nevada* 275 miles south of New Orleans until a commercial tug arrived. On 20 August 1985, she seized the *Macvic* carrying 25 tons of marijuana.

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